

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY was held on Monday, December 3, 2007 at the Municipal Building, Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

The following officials were present:

Mayor Schmidt	Trustee Brennan
Village Manager Herbek	Trustee Gallelli
Village Attorney Staudt	Trustee Konig
Treasurer Zambrano	Absent: Trustee Kane

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Schmidt called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Trustee Brennan made a motion to approve the vouchers as follows, subject to review by the Audit Committee. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gallelli and approved unanimously.

General Fund	\$693,720.60
Water Fund	41,940.01
Sewer Fund	633.12
Capital Accounts	2,350.00
Trust & Agency	1,471.25
	\$740,114.98

3. CORRESPONDENCE:

Village Manager Herbek read the following correspondence (full text available at the Village Office):

a) A letter from Lisa Fine, Teatown Lake Reservation, with a request for permission to erect an eagle viewing site at the boat ramp adjacent to the Croton-Harmon Metro-North Station as part of their fourth annual Eagle Fest Event to be held on Saturday, February 9, 2008 from 9 am to 4 pm. Trustee Brennan made a motion to approve the request, second by Trustee Konig, approved by all.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION-Agenda Items

No participants

4a) Village Engineer Dan O'Connor gave an overview of the Croton Landing Project; this is a two part project with the County and the Village each responsible for specific areas; Bradhurst is the contractor; the project started a few months ago with utility extensions, water, sewer and electric

line extensions; Verizon telephone line service will be provided; the parking lot and culdesac has been installed as well as the storm water treatment pond; a lot of earth work has taken place in the area of the proposed athletic field; most organic silts were unsuitable for the fields, but was put along the birms along the property line. He added that the contractor is calculating how much base soil is need for the field; there is enough top soil to coat the field; a drainage system around field will be installed and they will be rough-grading the Riverwalk trail bed; a lot of debris clean-up is being done; any metal and tires on site are being recycled; this winter the contractor will be working on establishing the field grade and the grade for the Riverwalk trail; pedestrian bridge shop drawings have been reviewed and sent back to the contractor; the erosion sediment control along the river is being maintained by the contractor. Trustee Gallelli asked about the status of arrangements of CSX. Engineer O'Connor replied that meetings were held and a couple of items were negotiated; CSX is concerned about a few items such as a security issue of tracks and that people will not be getting into the yard; to prevent this, an eight foot high fence will be installed; the contractor is using CSX's gravel road for access. He stated that it has been very a positive experience with CSX; they have had several meetings and people have been coming to these meetings from around the US. Trustee Gallelli asked where the gate will be located when it is all done. Engineer O'Connor replied that it will be just north of the parking lot at Croton Landing. Trustee Brennan asked Mr. O'Connor to remind residents how the Riverwalk and Croton Landing bid was combined. Engineer O'Connor replied that the Village and County portions were combined into one bid which was processed through the Village; they have one contractor on site; it is more cost-effective and efficient and is working very well; they are keeping the County and Village billing separate. Mayor Schmidt added that the field is just a field that will not show any athletic markings or have any permanent equipment. Mr. O'Connor added that there will be 42-43 parking spots which could be expanded if needed. Trustee Gallelli asked about the boat launch area and how is that being reworked, if at all? Engineer O'Connor replied that this is not in the specifications; small boats can be launched from there but nothing further is planned at this point.

5. RESOLUTIONS:

- a) On motion of Trustee Gallelli, seconded by Trustee Konig, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

WHEREAS, the Village, along with other municipalities in Westchester County, prepared a joint Request for Proposals for actuarial consulting services; and

WHEREAS, the actuarial consulting services are for the calculation of post-employment benefits including the calculation of the annual required contribution, actuarial liability and other required calculations as prescribed by GASB 45; and

WHEREAS, USI Consulting Group provided a proposal in the amount of \$7,000; and

WHEREAS, the Village Treasurer has interviewed representatives from USI Consulting Group, reviewed their references and qualifications and is satisfied with their expertise,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to sign the proposal with USI Consulting Group in the amount of \$7,000,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that this amount should be charged to account A 13.20.4000.

Discussion: Treasurer Zambrano stated that this is a Government Accounting Standards Board requirement that beginning next fiscal year, Croton provide actuarial service for future benefits for current employees; these amounts must be a part of the financial statement next year; the group received bids from 5 companies; USI was the lowest responsible bidder. Trustee Gallelli added that this was in the budget for fiscal year 07-08.

b) On motion of Trustee Brennan, seconded by Trustee Konig, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York

WHEREAS, the cost of road salt and magnesium chloride has increased drastically from what was originally estimated at the time of the budget process, and

WHEREAS, the funds appropriated in the 2007-2008 Village Budget is not sufficient to cover the increased costs for these two items; and

WHEREAS, the Village has a minimum contractual obligation for road salt which is \$66,641.400; and a pending purchase order for magnesium chloride flakes which is \$3,824.00; and

WHEREAS, the amount originally budgeted in the snow supplies account was \$60,000; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public work is preparing for the upcoming winter and is therefore requesting necessary funds to purchase road salt and magnesium chloride flakes,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to transfer \$11,000 from the General Fund's Contingency Account number A1990.4000 to the Snow Removal Supplies Account number A5142.4200 for the purchase of road salt and magnesium chloride flakes.

Discussion: Treasurer Zambrano stated that the price of salt & flakes went up considerably from last year; the Village is contracted to buy a certain amount of salt based on tonnage, not dollar amount.

7. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

a) Art Roosa, 7 Farrington Rd., First Asst. Chief of Croton Fire Dept., stated that the fire department was dispatched on August 4th to assist with a fire at the Hackley School to supply water via tankers. He stated that all departments that participated were given plaques and he is requesting that since they have received one plaque for two Croton Fire Companies, the plaque be hung in the Municipal Building to remind residents that the Fire Department serves not only

Croton, but other municipalities. He added that the County has a mutual aid system that works; they are a 100% volunteer organization and are always looking for additional volunteers, there is much work that can be done at a fire scene and not just to go into a burning building and they would love to have more residents join them. Mayor Schmidt stated that there is an election this week for chief and Mr. Roosa is running unopposed; the moving up ceremony is going to be held on January 2nd.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Gallelli made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 19, 2007 as corrected. Trustee Brennan seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimous approval.

Trustee Brennan made a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Board of Trustees held on November 19, 2007. Trustee Gallelli seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimous approval.

Trustee Brennan made a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Board of Trustees held on November 26, 2007. Trustee Konig seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimous approval

9. REPORTS:

Village Manager Herbek reported on the Riverside Avenue water main break that occurred yesterday morning; the Police Dept. advised Tom Giglio; a crew of DPW workers were already on duty and after assessment, it was determined that additional personnel were needed; due to the magnitude of the leak, a contractor was called in; the excavation was complex due to close proximity to electric and gas utilities; several valves could not be fully closed; hydrants in the vicinity of the leak were opened to reduce the flow; two repair clamps were placed at the site, but were unable to complete the repair. However, they were able to restore water; a minimal amount of water is continuing to leak; they are soliciting prices to repair the broken section of the main; they did get some recommendations from several residents and it is their intent to use the Village web site as best they can, however this occurred on a weekend; this will be discussed further at the staff meeting tomorrow. Village Manager Herbek thanked the Public Works department and others; they kept him informed throughout the day and he does appreciate everyone's patience; it was a difficult break because of the location, the size of the main, the high pressure system and the lack of being able to turn the water off; at one time they contemplated turning off water to whole village. Village Manager Herbek added that water main breaks are common this time of the year and not just in Croton. Mayor Schmidt added that Croton does have an aging system and valves do not always shut down completely; people may not have been at the site, but were working on isolating the break.

Treasurer Zambrano gave the Legal Expense Report: The total paid to date is \$202,691; the current total amount is \$21,868; STB, \$3,383, Discussion on 1ACroton Pt. Ave., \$3,748, General fees \$14,737. He added that on Dec 15th, water bills will be going out and residents have until January 15th to pay them; any questions please call 914 271-4781. Treasurer Zambrano added that if anyone needs the weekend parking pass, which is free to residents,

they can come to Village Hall and bring a copy of their current vehicle registration; residents can get one for each car.

Trustee Konig reported that she and Trustees Kane and Gallelli attended the WAC committee meeting; they are reviewing the Croton Point Park bulkhead project which is a County project, but affects the community. She added that they want to make sure that when these bulkhead and seawalls are replaced, the eagles and natural habitats and archeological items won't be disturbed and also that Croton residents who use the ball fields won't be too inconvenienced by the work being done there.

Trustee Gallelli thanked the staff who worked on the water main leak yesterday; she was aware that they were there well through the night and into the morning. She added that the blood drive went very well yesterday. Trustee Gallelli reported on the status of the proposed cellular tower; the application is in front of the Planning Board but the applicant has not come back with materials needed to process this; they are waiting for input from a fourth carrier to complete the project. Trustee Gallelli mentioned that this is gift-giving season and various departments in the Village have items available such as the Historical Society which has books, tote bags, tee shirts, the Recreation Dept. has gift certificates and the Village office is experimenting with selling items with the Croton logo; she encouraged everyone to shop locally as much as possible.

Trustee Brennan reminded the public that during yesterday's snow, he noticed that the Duck Pond had a little ice, but don't be fooled, please watch the flag signals. Trustee Brennan added that the Historian has a beautiful display of the history of Croton. He thanked the staff for their hard work yesterday.

Mayor Schmidt reported that hopefully the Blood Drive did well in spite of the snow; if you were not able to get out, please consider donating at another time. He added that this Thursday, the 6th, in the Municipal Building at 7:30, they are having a continuing meeting with residents who live in the Croton River area; all are welcome to attend. Mayor Schmidt also encouraged people to shop locally.

Trustee Brennan made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Trustee Konig seconded the motion; approved unanimously.

Trustee Brennan made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Gallelli seconded the motion; approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis A. Bradbury

Phyllis A. Bradbury, Secretary

Village Clerk